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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

Re:

Ex Parte Presentation

CC Dkt. No. 99-201, Bell Atlantic Transmittal No. 1138

Dear Ms. Salas:

In accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules, this letter is to notify you that the Commercial Internet eXchange Association ("CIX") met today (1:30 pm) with Jane Jackson, Chief of the Competitive Pricing Division of the Common Carrier Bureau and David Hunt, Jason Oxman, John Stover and Stacey Pies to discuss the above-captioned proceedings with regard to Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies' ("Bell Atlantic") Volume and Term Discount Plans for Infospeed DSL Services ("VTDP"). Attending the meeting for CIX were Barbara Dooley, President of CIX, and myself of Piper & Marbury, LLP.

During the meeting, CIX inquired with the Commission for a clarification of meaning of the Partial Suspension Order adopted June 2, 1999 (DA 99-1060). CIX expressed concern that there is not a sufficient business model under the tariff under which internet service providers ("ISP") can effectively compete with Bell Atlantic. CIX inquired as to the Commission's understanding of what services are included in Bell Atlantic's VTDP "wholesale" offering.

CIX expressed concern that there are hidden costs to independent ISP's which Bell Atlantic's own ISP may not be subject to, such as added installation services and charges. CIX is most concerned that consumers maintain the ability to choose their

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preferred ISP. The possible means of challenging the Bell Atlantic pricing structure were also discussed.

CIX recommended that the Commission, as it investigates specific issues with regard to whether the telecommunications services offered under the VTDP are provided at "wholesale" to carriers and non-carriers, specifically define what is included in the VTDP with regard to installation and other services offered which Bell Atlantic could have potential to cross-subsidize in a non-competitive manner.

The discussion generally focussed on the issues raised in CIX's Petition to Suspend and Investigate, which was filed on May 26, 1999.

Please find attached three copies of this letter for inclusion in the abovereferenced dockets. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Stuart P. Ingis

Counsel for the Commercial Internet eXchange Association

SPI/pmh Enclosures

cc: Jane Jackson, Room 5-A225 David Hunt, Room 5-A340 Jason Oxman, Room 7-B410 John Stover, Room 5-A341 Stacey Pies, Room 5-C360